# **ABSOLUTE RATING:** Average

## **IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory**

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 82.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## **RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**

Absolute Rating

Improvement Rating

2001 2002

2003

Average Unsatisfactory 2004

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our School

Schools With Students Like Ours









English/ **Mathematics** Language Arts

**Mathematics** 

English/ Language Arts

**Advanced** 







**Below Basic** 

## **DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
	English/			Social
Student Group	Language Arts	Math	Science	Studies
All students (n=290)	77.2	61.4	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than				
Speech (n=30)	50	33.3		
Students without disabilities (n=260)	80.4	64.6		
Gender				
Male (n=153)	72.5	61.4		
Female (n=137)	82.5	61.3		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=80)	66.3	47.5		
Hispanic (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=205)	81	66.3		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=151)	72.2	53.6		
Pay for lunch (n=139)	82.7	69.8		

# **SCHOOL PROFILE** INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
	Our School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
Dollars spent per student	\$4,528	N/A	\$5,195	\$5,347
<ul> <li>Prime instructional time</li> </ul>	93.8%	Down from 94%	90%	90.2%
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	7.7 to 1	N/A	19 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=598)				
<ul> <li>Attendance Rate</li> </ul>	96%	Up from 95.8%	96.2%	96.2%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level</li> </ul>	5.5%	N/A	4.3%	4.1%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level</li> </ul>	3.1% I	N/A	3.1%	3.1%
<ul> <li>First graders who attended full day kindergarten</li> </ul>	95.7%	Down from 97%	95.9%	96.3%
<ul> <li>Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate	1.7%	Down from 3.7%	3.4%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=39)				
<ul> <li>Professional Development days per teacher</li> </ul>	5.6 Days	Up from 5.5	7.3 Days	7.6 days
Attendance Rate	98.2%	Down from 98.5		95.1%
<ul> <li>Teachers with advanced degrees</li> </ul>	25.6%	Down from 34.3	% 48.7% 	47.7%
<ul> <li>Continuing contract teachers</li> </ul>	76.9%	Down from 83.8	% 83%	83.8%
Teachers with out-of-field permits	5.1%	Up from 2.7%	0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from the previous school year	87.1%	Up from 86.2%	87.9%	87.2%
Average teacher salary	\$36,626	Up 7.1%	\$37,937	\$37,520

#### **SCHOOL FACTS**

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
0	ur School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	64.9%	N/A	65.4%	65.3%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	4	N/A	4	4.0
<ul> <li>Parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	20.2%	N/A	98.4%	95.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
On academic plans	N/A	N/A	41.8%	43.1%
<ul> <li>On academic probation</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
<ul> <li>Older than usual for grade</li> </ul>	0.7%	Up from 0.2%	1.1%	1.1%
<ul> <li>Suspended or expelled</li> </ul>	0	N/A	1	1
<ul> <li>Gifted and talented</li> </ul>	12.8%	Up from 9.8%	13.7%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	10.2%	Up from 7%	9.6%	8.4%

# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Ellen Woodside Elementary School, with a rich educational history for 77 years, is nestled in a serene setting in southern Greenville County. The heritage of the community is exhibited in the school through the values of high expectations, hard work, honesty, and respect for every man. The school's clientele has changed in both number and mixture. A 25% student increase has translated into hiring more innovative teachers with significant abilities in teaching reading and math. The influx of many different nationalities and life styles has brought significant opportunities and problems for which our programs have been aligned.

Accordingly, we have studied the impact of growth and how we can best assure that ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE. We addressed this issue in the following ways: sponsored more curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for student and family involvement; solicited outside agencies for extended aide for student homework assistance; promoted positive character building traits daily through special students recognitions; wrote grants that brought additional revenue into our classrooms; added new talented instructors that have provided wholesome experiences beyond the classroom; partnered with the YMCA to provide desperately needed AFTER-SCHOOL care; partnered with the Urban League to provide homework assistance with our 3rd grade students who were identified as most at-risk of failure; and brought in authors, poets, and artists to instill different passions and views of life.

Our ongoing efforts for ALL STUDENTS to ACHIEVE was validated by our receiving the SCHOOL OF PROMISE FLAGSHIP STATUS in 2000. Additionally, we have now received a 21st CENTURY RURAL SCHOOLS GRANT which will provide goods and

services valued at \$100,000 a year for 3 years. The Ellen Woodside Elementary administration pledges to EXPECT THE BEST FROM THE BEST STUDENTS and to help each

one follow the WILDCAT tradition captured in our school motto of "TRACKING TO SUCCESS".

Submitted by Gary H. Long, Principal



Ellen Woodside Elementary 9122 Augusta Rd. Pelzer, SC 29669

**Grades** K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 598 Students

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# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

<b>Annual School</b>	
Report Card	

2001

School Grade: Below Average

#### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	84.6	78.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	89.5	79.5	
Satisfied with home-school relations	68.4	86.3	

#### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

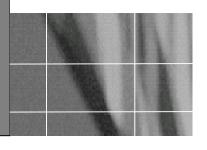
Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.



## South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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